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Dear Sir:

The Assignee of the entire interest in the above-noted patent, hereby notifies the Commissioner that the Assignee qualifies as a small entity for the purposes of paying reduced fees under 35 U.S.C. §41(a)-(b), to the United States Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the patent identified above.

Respectfully submitted,

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